

RENDELL E. DE KORT

Development Economist

Senior Development Economist with experience in public policy and macro economic analysis in the Dutch Caribbean. Currently providing economic and financial advisory with a focus on sustainability.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025
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Present

Senior Economic Advisor

To the Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Agriculture,
Government of Aruba

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

2020
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Present

Economist Consultant

The World Bank

📍 Remote (Washington, DC office)

- Disaster Risk Financing (DRF) assessment for Sint Maarten
- Liaison Food security assessment for Aruba and Curacao
- Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) and Carrying Capacity
- Assessment for Bonaire
- DRF assessment and structuring CAT-DDO for Barbados
- DRF operational plan for Commonwealth of Dominica

2018
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Present

Senior Partner

Capstone Research Group VBA - trade names: Cornerstone
Economics / Lovely Data

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

- Financial and economic advisory with a focus on sustainability
- Business analytics and data solutions advisory and training
- Research, including randomized control trials (RCTs) on social interventions

2024
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2025

Commissioner of State-owned Enterprise

Aruba Agri Development Company N.V.

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

2012
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2024

Adjunct faculty

University of Aruba

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

- Political and Economic Development (Faculty Arts & Science)
- Macro Economics (Faculty Accounting, Finance & Marketing)
- Small Island Developing States (Faculty Arts & Science)
- COVID-19 Food Security and Economic Diversity in the CAS islands (ZonMw research project)

2019

Consultant Tourism Statistics and National Accounts Statistics

Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

- Programmed the analysis of tourism expenditure survey data
- Coordinated a data system to process quarterly firm level data
- and aggregating it to GDP.
- Programmed a data pipeline to combine and analyze firm level data from various sources.

CONTACT INFO

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SKILLS

Senior Development Economist
with experience in macro economic
policy and data science

Ample experience with political,
administrative and intercultural
relations, particularly in Caribbean
OCTs.

Passionate about advancing
economic resilience and food
security objectives in Small Island
States.

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2010
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2018

Economist

Centrale Bank van Aruba

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

- Spearheaded the development, operation and maintenance of forecasting models and the macroeconomic model of the Aruban economy
- Formulated and communicated the narrative concerning economic development of Aruba
- Served as the secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee as well as to the Coordination Committee of the public sector



EDUCATION

2022
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Expected
2028

VU University Amsterdam

Ph.D. candidate: Economic resilience to external shocks in Small Island States

📍 Remote (the Netherlands)

- Advisor: Prof. Kees Boersma, Professor of socio-technical innovation and societal resilience in the Faculty of Social Sciences, VU University Amsterdam
- Co-advisor: Prof. Mark Sanders, Professor of International Economics in the school of Business and Economics, Maastricht University

2008
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2009

University of Manchester

Msc. in Development Economics & Policy

📍 Manchester, UK

- Thesis: Searching for Binding Constraints on Economic Growth in Aruba: Applying the Growth Diagnostics Approach
- Courses included: Econometrics, Public Sector Economics, Stabilization & Development, Macroeconomics and Applied Development Econometrics

2007
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2008

University of Nottingham

Graduate Diploma Economics

📍 Nottingham, UK

- Courses included: Mathematics for Economists, Advanced Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, Health Economics and Econometrics.
- Contributor to the Nottingham Economic Review and elected student representative at the school of Economics.

2003
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2007

Inholland University of Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Business Administration

📍 Rotterdam, the Netherlands

- Completed a semester at the Ecole Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur (ESCE) in Paris France as part of an Erasmus exchange program.



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024

Strengthening Economic Resilience in Small Island States: A Situational Analysis of Food Entrepreneurship, with a Focus on the Cucumis Anguria Cucumber in Aruba

Co-authored (with S Obispo, A Carmon Baez, E Echteld and E Mijts) as part of a ZonMw project on food security on the CAS islands.

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

2022

Diagnostics on the technology divide on Aruba

Co-authored through Cornerstone Economics for a project commissioned by Aruba Futura foundation.

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

COVID-19 Post-Disaster Needs Assessment Bonaire: Socioeconomic assessment (March - December 2020)

Co-authored as part of a diverse team of World Bank experts. 📍 2021

Building Aruba's Food Security During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

Co-authored as part of a diverse team of World Bank experts. 📍 2020

The economic valuation of agriculture in Aruba

Chapter in The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Aruba (with F. Lacle)

📍 2018

2017

Forecasting tourism demand through search queries and machine learning

IFC Bulletin, Bank for International Settlements No. 44

📍 Bali, Indonesia

The economic consequence of the disappearance of Natalee Holloway

Published in Dutch (with J. Ridderstaat and W. Hassink) on Mejudice.

📍 2015

2011

Getting the price right: Calibrating tourism price measures for Aruba

Co-authored (with W. Mosher) for the Annual Review Seminar "Macroeconomic Policy And the Way Forward: Redesigning Economic Policy in the Context of Global Challenges.

📍 Bridgetown, Barbados



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

2022

2023

Board Member and Secretary Centro Deportivo Playa

Appointed as part of a new board entrusted to restore the multi-functional sport facility

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

2015

2024

Board Member and Treasurer Fundacion Guia Mi

Fundacion Guia Mi is a government subsidized foundation on Aruba to which the court assigns custody of minors. The foundation also recruits , provides training to, and guides foster families.

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

2014

2015

President Kiwanis Young Professionals Aruba (KYPA)

One of four adult Kiwanis clubs on Aruba, KYPA is specifically geared towards young professionals.

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba



PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2021

Young Leaders of the Americas Professional fellow

The U.S. Department of State

📍 Washington, U.S.

2019

Top 5 nomination Best in Business Award 2019

Guardian Group

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

Founding Curator Oranjestad Global Shapers

Global Shapers Community - an initiative of the World Economic Forum

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba